

Nebraska Weekly Weather & Crop Report



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WEATHER

Less moisture fell over the west and north portions than in previous weeks while the southeast remained moist. Snow began in the west portion on the 7th and spread over the State by the 8th. Snow-fall of over 12 inches was reported along the western border with one to two inches elsewhere.

Maxima temperatures reached into the 60's and 70's on the 5th and 6th but cooled rapidly by the end of the week with normal maxima 20 to 30 degrees below normal. Average weekly temperatures ranged from 5 to 8 degrees subnormal west to a few degrees above normal east.

CROPS

Conditions improved during last week and many farmers were able to get some field work done before the weekend snow. Because of an unfavorable fall, winter and spring, farmers are far behind in their work and need dry warm weather. Field work consisted of harvesting some remaining crops, stalk shredding, plowing, discing, fertilizer spreading, and manure hauling. There has been limited seeding of sugar beets and small grains. Other farm activity during the past week consisted of machinery preparation, buying

seed and fertilizer, shelling and moving corn, and caring for livestock.

Winter wheat condition remains above average. Dry and warmer weather would alleviate soil-borne mosaic which is a problem in some fields. Crown and root rot also is present.

Grain sorghum harvest is now about 95% complete and corn 98% complete. Much of the grain sorghum harvested or to be harvested this spring is of low quality.

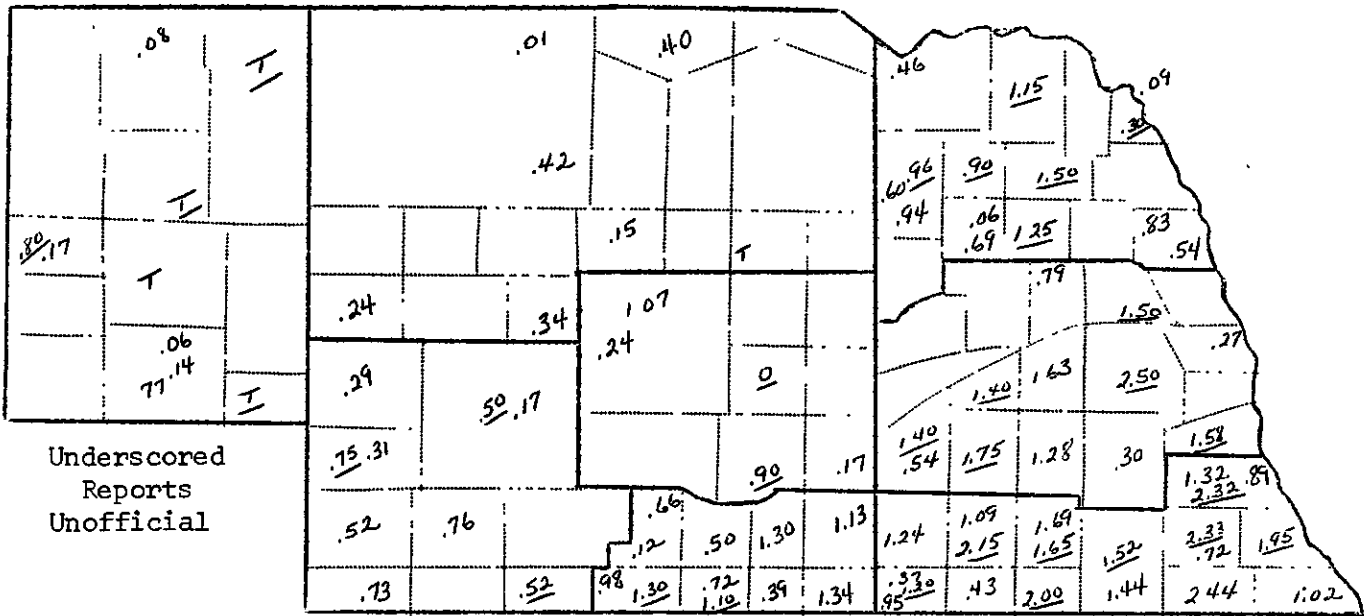
LIVESTOCK

There was limited marketing of livestock during the past week because of market uncertainties resulting from the boycott of meat.

Many feedlots remain in bad condition but there was improvement during the week with some lots drying up before the weekend snow. Some cattle have been moved from muddy feedlots to stalk fields until lots dry.

Scours continue to be a problem with young calves. Weather has been difficult for most young livestock. However, death loss of newborn calves is reported near normal. Ranges have not greened up yet and most old grass is gone.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1973

| Station | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|---------------|
| | | Extremes | | Mean | Departure | Inches |
| | | Max | Min | | | Total |
| NW | Chadron | 68 | 22 | 39 | -- | .08 |
| | Scottsbluff | 64 | 7 | 36 | -5 | .17 |
| | Sidney | 64 | 17 | 37 | -- | .77 |
| NC | Burwell | 73 | 25 | 42 | -- | T |
| | Valentine | 69 | 23 | 39 | -1 | .01 |
| NE | Norfolk | 72 | 28 | 43 | 0 | .06 |
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| CEN | Grand Island | 71 | 28 | 43 | -1 | .17 |
| EC | Lincoln | 73 | 26 | 45 | +1 | .30 |
| | Omaha | 71 | 28 | 45 | +2 | .27 |
| SW | Imperial | 69 | 20 | 39 | 0 | .52 |
| | North Platte | 70 | 23 | 40 | -2 | .17 |

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